

LETTER OF SUPPORT

TO: Department of Homeland Security Grant Selection Committee

RE: Aurora Police Department's Crisis Response Team application for federal grant funding for expansion of their Targeted Violence Prevention Program.

Dear DHS Selection Committee, I am writing on behalf of Nicoletti-Flater Associates (NFA) in support of the Aurora Police Department's CRT request for expansion of their ongoing Targeted Violence Prevention Program. APD's CRT has been providing cutting edge assessment and training as part of their current Targeted Violence Prevention Program. NFA has had the opportunity to partner with the CRTs service delivery model. The CRT has been a strong partner with numerous community stakeholders. The CRT has committed to providing services that identify and prevent community tragedies while at the same time providing a model that is multidisciplinary, inclusive, and diverse. The CRT has accepted both targeted violence and potential terrorism cases. In some of the cases the Individuals of Concern (IOC) have been experiencing significant mental health issues In those cases, the CRT worked with partners at the state of Colorado and mental health organizations in order to match the IOC with local resources, keeping them off the pathway of violence. These types of partnerships are unique and this grant would allow the CRT to measure the effectiveness of their intervention practices in order to recommend best practices to other states, universities, and government offices. Accordingly, I wholeheartedly support this application. Thank you for your consideration.

The CRT intends to use the federal funds to host regular trainings to continue to build community awareness on terrorism, targeted violence, bias-motivated violence, violence risk assessment, threat assessment, threat management, and multidisciplinary collaboration. The CRT would also like to use the funding to expand the capacity of the Targeted Violence Prevention program by employing and assigning a case manager to the TVP program. This person would receive training specific to threat management services for the IOC, but to their families and communities.

	In closing, I wholeheartedly support this application. If you have questions or require clarification, please contact me on either my email at $(b)(6)$ by phone at $(b)(6)$
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	Sincerely,
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John Nicoletti, Ph.D., ABPP Board Certified Specialist in Police & Public Safety Psychology

OMB Number: 4040-0004 Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

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* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:
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13. Competition Identification Number:
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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
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Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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Applicant: Aurora, Colorado Police Department

Location: 13347 E Montview Blvd, Aurora, CO 80045

Application Track: Promising Practices, Threat Assessment and Management Teams

Amount of Funds Requested: \$302,966

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Abstract

The Aurora Police Department's co-responder model, the Crisis Response Team houses a subunit, the Targeted Violence Prevention Program. This program has effectively interrupted potential incidents of targeted violence within Aurora, CO through a multi-disciplinary approach, pairing a mental health professional with a mental health trained law enforcement officer. This funding would increase the capacity of the TVP program through the addition of a full-time case manager with specialization in threat management techniques. This funding would also support current operations by providing opportunities for learning, continued collaboration, and the following of promising practices through the attendance of relevant threat assessment and management trainings, professional association memberships, and conferences. In alignment with the mission of the TVP program, funds would also be allocated toward the provision of training to the citizens of Aurora including school officials, faith-based communities, and all other community members who have an interest or may benefit from knowledge of targeted violence and its prevention efforts.



Needs assessment

The City of Aurora, Colorado has a population of approximately 386,000 ¹ and is known as one of the most diverse cities in the country, ranking number 17 in the nation, with approximately 160 different languages spoken. Aurora has worked tirelessly to support the diverse communities that inhabit it through the provision of resources, recognized by receiving a first place ranking in the state of Colorado for its commitment to supporting the immigrant population. Unfortunately, Colorado is no stranger to the impact of targeted violence. Colorado has experienced infamous mass casualty attacks such as the Columbine massacre (1999), the Aurora Theatre shooting (2012), the Boulder grocery store (May 2021), and most recently the tattoo shop spree killing (December 2021). Colorado has experienced twelve mass shootings in the past three decades, resulting in 59 murders and 125 people wounded ². Five of the twelve events have occurred in the last seven years, with an average of one mass shooting occurring every two years since 2012. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, between 2019 and 2020, hate crimes increased by 25 percent, with 225 hate crimes and bias-motivated crimes reported by participating law enforcement agencies in 2019 and 281 in 2020 ³.

Colorado is currently ranked the 51st worst state in the nation for prevalence of mental illness and lower rates of access to care for adults. It is suspected that Colorado's high prevalence of mental health concerns and poor access to care greatly contribute to the high threats of violence seen statewide ⁴. It is shown that those with the highest needs are often the same individuals who experience the most barriers to care. One of the main barriers being cost of treatment, with 53% of Arapahoe county survey participants citing cost as a barrier to receiving care ⁵. A lack of mental health resources and difficulties accessing care combined with the increased emotional distress from the COVID-19 pandemic has created a "perfect storm" for individuals already predisposed to thoughts of violence. Consequently, there is an increasing emphasis on the creation of threat assessment and management teams in Colorado. The State and Local agencies have seen the implementation of a variety of threat assessment models, many of them working in collaboration to provide wraparound care and a robust threat management network across Colorado.

In 2020, The Aurora Police Department's co-responder model, the Crisis Response Team, implemented a Targeted Violence Prevention (TVP) subprogram after receiving a BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration grant. This program operates using a police co-responder team to facilitate prevention efforts through a public health model, with a focus on pre-criminal intervention.⁶ This program has prioritized community and law enforcement stakeholder

¹ Population - City of Aurora (auroragov.org)

² Retrieved from three databases:The Violence Project Mass Shooter Database; Mother Jones –Mass Shooting Database; and K-12 School Shooting Database

³ Federal Bureau of Investigation. Crime Data Explorer (https://crime-data-explorer.app.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/hate-crime). Retrieved 2/21/2022. At the time of writing this report, 2021 data was not shared.

⁴ Mental Health America (2018). The State of Mental Health in America 2019. Retrieved from: http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/issues/state-mental-health-america

⁵ Mental Health Colorado (2018) Data Dashboard: A snapshot of mental health and substance use. Retrieved from https://www.mentalhealthcolorado.org/dashboard/

⁶ Police co-responder teams are typically a team of a crisis intervention trained officer and clinician.



relationships, training efforts, and intervention strategies to effectively serve the Aurora community. The APD TVP approaches intervention and prevention efforts through a supportive lens, understanding that many individuals escalating further on the pathway to violence or experiencing a behavioral health crisis are disconnected from valuable resources that could serve as countermeasures and effective prevention strategies. APD TVP aims to provide services to anyone who resides in or has a connection to the City of Aurora, displays an affinity for a violent extremist ideology, and exhibits behaviors that indicate that they may be on the pathway to violence. TVP receives referrals from a multitude of sources across the country including local and federal law enforcement, faith-based organizations, schools, and other community partners. The need for this program is evident when looking at the program data collection which has shown an annual number of referrals in 2021 (N=74), more than double the amount from 2020 (N=12). Additionally, the referrals for 2022 are currently trending towards outnumbering the referrals for 2021. Historically, the TVP program has initiated threat assessment and management cases for a variety of demographics, with no significant trend identified. This is consistent with research that states that there is no identified demographic for a perpetrator of targeted violence⁷. The clients within the APD TVP caseload span across the ideological spectrum and reported grievances have varied, with a high concentration of anti-government based grievances.

APD TVP leverages its stakeholders in every aspect of its mission, working in coordination with the Colorado Resilience Collaborative, Nicoletti-Flater Associates, Colorado Information Analysis Center's CO-Preventing Targeted Violence Program (CO-PTV), the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL), and many other agencies to increase its capacity through direct referrals, case support/consultation, and through hosting and attending their training. The APD TVP program functions as an active stakeholder and member of the Colorado Preventing Targeted Violence Program, along with the aforementioned organizations. Additionally, APD TVP members serve as Master Trainers for the Department of Homeland Security's Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course supporting the CO-PTV workforce development efforts across the state. The collaboration with these agencies has been a symbiotic relationship that has been imperative to the success of the APD TVP program. In 2021, TVP documented 32 active partnerships throughout the city, Denver metro area, state of Colorado, and the nation, a 94% increase from 2020.

Program Design

The Aurora Police Department Crisis Response Team's current Targeted Violence Prevention Program (TVP) is funded by a 2019 US Department of Justice Grant (BJA FY 19 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program). The current program leverages a multidisciplinary team staffed by a Crisis Intervention Team Trained Police Officer and a mental health clinician. This multidisciplinary team leverages a whole of society strategy and a public health model. The multidisciplinary team is responsible for three lines of effort. The three lines of effort are: (1) community outreach/engagement, (2) training/education, and (3) individualized psychosocial intervention. The TVP multidisciplinary team engages with the city of Aurora's diverse array of affinity, faith-based, and community groups to build community resiliency by connecting groups

⁷ Fein, Robert A., Vossekull, Bryan. Protective Intelligence and Threat Assessment Investigations: A Guide for State and Local Law Enforcement Officials. U.S. Department of Justice. National Institute of Justice. 2000.



to both government and non-governmental supports, through a public awareness campaign. APD's TVP program views community groups, non-profits, schools, government entities, private sector organizations, and service providers as potential partners. Therefore, the TVP multidisciplinary team organizes and delivers training in partnership with subject matter experts and local prevention practitioners to a wide array of community stakeholders.

Most of the TVP multidisciplinary team's current focus is directed toward providing individualized psychosocial interventions to individuals displaying concerning behaviors that indicate a potential escalation to an act of targeted violence. The APD TVP multidisciplinary team uses behavioral health assessment, violence risk assessment, behavioral threat assessment, and needs assessment to design individualized interventions, threat management, and case management plans.

Problem Statement

When the program began in June 2020, the department was unsure what the caseload for a team such as this would be, which led to the allocation of only one specialized team. From 2020 to 2021, referrals to the program more than doubled, significantly impacting the ability for the TVP program to address the incoming referrals, conduct threat assessments and provide long term management service. This resulted in the outsourcing of threat assessments to a partner agency, Nicoletti-Flater Associates (NFA) and a heavy reliance of community partners to appropriately enforce TVP and NFA created management plans. The Crisis Response Team has requested funding from the City of Aurora to expand not only the Crisis Response Team but to allocate another co-responder team to the Targeted Violence Prevention Program. This would provide coverage for the entirety of the week instead of only four days. This will dramatically increase the capacity of the TVP and the number of threat assessments that they are able to complete.

In addition to the City general funds, the APD TVP is requesting grant funding to hire a case manager specific to the Targeted Violence Prevention Program. This case manager would be given extensive training in threat assessment and threat management through the repertoire of stakeholders, federal trainings, etc.. This person would also help to facilitate and maintain stakeholder relationships to alleviate the strain placed on the TVP officer/clinician pairs. In the past, TVP has utilized the Crisis Response Team's general case manager, who's role is to follow up after every single CRT contact to provide resources and facilitate connection to care. CRT responded to over 1,400 calls for service in 2021 that necessitated CRT general case manager follow-up services. This significantly limited the case manager's ability to provide intensive long-term case management for the TVP clients. The CRT case manager also lacked comprehensive knowledge of threat assessment and management of the complex populations typically contacted by the TVP, with a caseload too large to dedicate time toward specialized training to acquire this knowledge. This negatively impacted the efficacy of threat management, causing missed opportunities for intervention. With the addition of a case manager who specializes in targeted violence prevention, the TVP would be able to expand their capacity for long term threat management and could better support individuals who come onto the caseload by coordinating with other involved parties and by providing direct resource referrals to targeted violence prevention specific resources.



Any grant funding received would also be allocated toward the attendance and provision of relevant threat assessment and management trainings, conferences, and professional certifications and memberships. One pillar of the APD TVP program is community awareness and education. In 2021, APD TVP personnel attended seven trainings and administered 22 trainings to approximately 750 individuals. For 2022-2024, TVP personnel aim to bring at least 35 relevant trainings to the Aurora community and attend at least 15 different trainings. Examples of past trainings include Dr. Clare Allely's three-part Case Study Approach, Human Trafficking Awareness by the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking, Intro to Threat Assessment by Dr. John Nicoletti, and Autism 101 by Dr. Laurie Sperry. To continue to increase their knowledge base and partnership networks, TVP personnel have held membership with the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals and have attended the ATAP conferences along with other Additionally TVP personnel have been invited to attend the Strong Cities Network conference in both 2021 and 2022, presenting programmatic innovations and receiving information on international models of targeted violence prevention. It is important that TVP personnel remain up to date with promising practices and leading research and remain interconnected with other threat assessment professionals to ensure that the program continues to operate at the highest caliber. The city of Aurora recognizes the importance and impact of attending and hosting valuable trainings, allowing TVP staff to attend as many trainings and conferences that are offered and appropriate for the team. The community has been very interested in trainings provided by TVP staff and each training has yielded a significant turn out.

Program Objectives:

"TVTP Grant Objectives:

- 1. Raising awareness of all aspects of why and how individuals radicalize to violence;
- 2. Ensuring members of the local community are equipped and empowered to engage the broadest set of local stakeholders:
- 3. Ensuring members of the local community have access to multi-disciplinary threat assessment and management teams;
- 4. Ensuring members of the local community have the ability to act on their awareness training by knowing how to contact – and understanding the role of – threat assessment and management teams; and
- 5. Ensuring the local community has programs that address risk factors while also providing services supporting threat management approaches."

The Aurora Police Department's Targeted Violence Prevention Program actively addresses all the TVTP Grant's six objectives⁸. APD TVP personnel actively engage with the citizens of Aurora and provide education on the process of radicalization to violence, the current targeted violence threat picture, risk factors for radicalization, and protective factors for radicalization (objective 2). TVP personnel serve as members of the Colorado Preventing Targeted Violence (CO-PTV) team, influencing statewide training and communication regarding targeted violence. TVP personnel also work closely with local Department of Homeland Security officials so that TVP personnel can deliver DHS' community awareness briefing. Furthermore, APD's TVP program invests grant funds in providing training from subject matter experts to community members. In doing so, TVP personnel facilitate members of the local community engagement

⁸ Targeted violence and terrorism prevention. (2022, April 12). Retrieved May 5,, 2022, from https://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy22-tvtp-notice-funding-opportunity



among the broadest set of local stakeholders that sustain trusted partnerships and increase communications addressing radicalization to violence (objective 2).

During their engagement with community stakeholders, TVP personnel educate citizens on threat assessment and management, provide information on how to refer to multidisciplinary teams when observing concerning behaviors, and actively investigate and manage referrals from community members and outside jurisdictions that lack multidisciplinary threat assessment teams (objectives 3 & 4). Lastly, TVP personnel refer clients exhibiting concerning behavior to various community resources and programs. These programs include service activities, career centers, after-school groups, mentoring) that address risk factors, and leverage protective factors while also providing services supporting threat management approaches (objective 5).

Program Goals

The goals of the Aurora Police Department's Targeted Violence Prevention program actively work toward fulfilling the three efforts seen by the program: community outreach/engagement, training/education, and individualized psychosocial intervention and supporting the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security's Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence.

APD TVP values its community partnerships and acknowledges the importance of community trust when building programs housed within law enforcement, but specifically in the violence prevention space. Currently, APD TVP actively collaborated with over 50 different organizations and community groups in 2021. Community buy-in is imperative to the success of the TVP program as many referrals have been sent to the TVP program through these partner agencies. In order to continue facilitating community relationships, APD TVP plans to produce communications materials to educate the community on the availability of the program, when and how to access the program appropriately, and what to expect from an APD TVP response. The goal of this effort is to increase transparency with the community to facilitate trust within the program and community members' level of comfort in reporting tips or potential threats of violence.

APD TVP aims to provide or host at least 35 relevant trainings to stakeholders and community members and attend at least 15 trainings in 2022-2024 by leveraging local, statewide, and nationwide stakeholders' expertise. This supports the first identified goal of the Department of Homeland Security's Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence with a goal of educating community members and stakeholders on the evolving terrorism and targeted violence environment and promotes the use of best practices amongst professionals working in the prevention space.

Through collaboration amongst stakeholders and the use of a multidisciplinary team, the APD TVP has been successful in providing early intervention to individuals identified to be on the pathway to violence after conducting thorough threat assessments and creating comprehensive threat management plans. In 2021, APD TVP received 74 referrals. With this knowledge, APD TVP aims to conduct at least 50 threat assessments annually both through active calls for service and referrals from community members, outside law enforcement agencies, faith-based groups, the school system and all other stakeholders. With the goal of supporting the Department of Homeland Security's Strategic Framework for Countering Terrorism and Targeted Violence of



preventing terrorism and targeted violence through early intervention, referrals to resources, and active case/threat management efforts.

Aurora Police Department's Targeted Violence Prevention Program

The Aurora Police Department's Targeted Violence Prevention

Program currently staffs one officer and one climician. The program has seen a drastic and continuous increase of referrals for individuals identified to be on the pathway to violence.

The team current is at max capacity for the handling of referrals, leading to the request for a full time case manager assigned to the TVP to conduct all follow up and provide long term case management services.

The team also aims to attend and host multiple trainings to continue leveraging stakeholder expertise to educate the TVP personnel and community members.

Logic Model Inputs Outputs/Activities

<u>Priorities</u> Build and maintain stakeholder relationship and leveraging their

Provide trainings to stakeholders and community members

Actively work to prevent targeted violence through BTA&M

Contextual Factors/ Underlying Assumptions

-Personnel allocation: Having enough staff to operate. APD is experiencing staffing difficulties but APD CRT/TVP has remained untouched while other special units have been reallocated to patrol -Cultural and Societal views of law enforcement: APD TVP controls for this by doing active community outreach

-<u>Local and National events</u> may influence additional acts of targeted violence

-Allocation of sustained city funding: APD CRT/ TVP is requesting city funding to grow and maintain operations. Without this, CRT/TVP will not receive additional staff to expand the TVP without grant funding.

Likelihood of Success

Through its current framework, the APD TVP has seen success in the prevention of targeted violence as no case has seen casualty to date. Through intervention, education, and outreach TVP has facilitated trust and demonstrated competency in preventing targeted violence.

Intervention/ Prevention	Awareness	Intervention/ Prevention	Awareness	Short/ Medium Term	Long Term
Referrals: Internal (APD), Mayor's Office, Schools, Local LE, Federal LE, Fusion centers, community partners Threat Assessments:	Relationships w/local businesses, non- profits, schools, resources and citizens Relationships with federal LE, non-profits, faith based groups, and resources Education: Stakeholder expertise (CIAC, CP3, Nicoletti-Flater, CRC, CELL International/ national conferences &	regularly to identify gaps current operations Conduct BTA and create threat management plan with the assistance of	stakeholders regularly to identify gaps in current operations Seek out new resource connections and partnerships through active community	More extensive network of local and federal partners who can offer consultation or resources, thus creating a more comprehensive and effective management plan. More buy in and	Long lasting partnerships and working groups amongst agencies to facilitate sharing of best practices, case consultation, and building of resource base Community perception of safety
Collateral from referral source, involved agencies (CPS, school, work), and subject's associates Management Plans: Buy in from involved agencies, subjects, and others to enforce management plan.		referral source and involved partners Connect subject to resources to address any identified unmet needs Conduct regular check ins with involved partners, subject, and subject's associates	engagement Host trainings w/ stakeholders / TVP personnel as presenters internally (APD) and externally (community) Attend conferences and trainings offered through stakeholders and professional associations	trust from the community which could contribute to more referrals More threat assessment and management plans completed due to higher collaboration More trainings opportunities brought to the community	improved Reduced acts of targeted violence Improved cross-jurisdictional communication and collaborations Increased community awareness of targeted violence warning signs and reporting avenues

Staffing:

Additional Clinician and Officer added to APD TVP program, and Case manager

Staffing:

Conduct threat assessments, manage referrals/ partnerships Conduct regular check ins

Staffing:

Increased capacity, allowing more threat assessment and management plans to be conducted

Outcomes/Impact

More engagement with community, local and federal LE, non-profits and <u>faith based</u> communities

Organization and Key Personnel

The Aurora Police Department is a large agency of approximately 750 sworn members and around 100 non-sworn employees. The Crisis Response Team, a mental health intervention unit is housed under the Operations Support Section that also oversees SWAT, fugitive apprehension, K9, and the Crisis Negotiation Team. The Crisis Response Team consists of 5 officers, 5 clinical staff, a program manager, and a sergeant. All clinical staff are hired through the Aurora Mental Health Center (AuMHC) and are directly supervised by the Director of Acute Services. The Targeted Violence Prevention Program is a sub program of the CRT and is currently staffed with one officer and one clinician. The CRT, in addition to grant opportunities, is requesting City funding to sustain and hopefully expand the CRT, which in turn would increase capacity for the TVP program. If awarded grant funding, TVP would hire a case manager specifically assigned to

Aurora Police Department

Aurora,CO Police Department Crisis Response Team – Targeted Violence Prevention

the TVP program to facilitate on-going case management, subject check ins, and communication with all involved parties. The Job Description is as follows:

Case Manager- Targeted Violence Prevention Program

The Targeted Violence Prevention (TVP) Program is a sub program of the Aurora Police coresponder model the Crisis Response Team. This program utilizes a public health approach to aid in the prevention of targeted violence events in Aurora, CO and other jurisdictions as appropriate. This position would serve as a case manager directly assigned to the TVP and would be responsible for the following tasks:

- Knowledge around local and national resources related to the prevention of targeted violence and other identified needs (food, housing, clothing, etc.)
- Maintain up to date resource library through regular check ins with resource sources to confirm operations
- Relationship building and maintenance with stakeholders and local resource groups
- Working directly with the officers and clinicians assigned to the TVP to assist in the creation of threat management plans
- Manage incoming referrals by acknowledging referral and providing dispositions as appropriate
- Documentation of referrals in TVP database
- Referrals to resource groups
- Create innovative and individualized threat management plans
- Conduct regular check ins with clients to determine if countermeasures and supports in place are appropriate and effective
- Documentation regarding all interventions, resource referrals, and follow ups
- Attend relevant threat assessment trainings
- Assist with the hosting of relevant trainings
- Stay up to date with best practices regarding threat assessment and management
- Communication with local and federal law enforcement
- Participate in weekly team meetings
- Provide briefings to CRT and other relevant staff

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant social science or criminal justice field (social work, psychology, counseling, criminology, criminal justice, etc.)
- At least 3 years of case management experience
- Proficient in excel, word and PowerPoint
- Thorough documentation skills
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills

Preferred Qualifications:

- Master's degree in relevant social science or criminal justice field (social work, psychology, counseling, criminology, criminal justice, etc.)
- 5 years case management experience
- Experience working within targeted violence prevention/ threat management
- Certified Threat Manager certification
- Experience working alongside law enforcement
- Experience working with forensic populations



Sustainability

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Budget Detail and Narrative *Total Request:* \$302,966

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Funding Opportunity Name: Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP)

Funding Opportunity Number: DHS-22-TTP-132-00-01

Application Status: Pending Review

Applicant Information

Legal Name: The City of Aurora

Organization ID: 22805

Type: City or township governments

Division:

Department: Aurora Police Department

EIN: (b)(6)

EIN Shared With Organizations:

DUNS: 075769703

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SF-424 Information

Project Information

Project Title: Aurora Police Department Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program

Program/Project Congressional Districts: Congressional District 06, CO

Proposed Start Date: Sat Oct 01 00:00:00 GMT 2022 Proposed End Date: Mon Sep 30 00:00:00 GMT 2024

Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): The City of Aurora

Estimated Funding

Funding Source	Estimated Funding (\$)
Federal Funding	\$302966
Applicant Funding	\$0
State Funding	\$0
Local Funding	\$0
Other Funding	\$0
Program Income Funding	\$0
Total Funding	\$302966

Is application subject to review by state under the Executive Order 12373 process? Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

Is applicant delinquent on any federal debt? false

Contacts

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SF-424A

Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs

Grant Program: Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program

CFDA Number: 97.132

Budget Object Class	Amount
Personnel	\$184800
Fringe Benefits	\$38050
Travel	\$27106
Equipment	\$0
Supplies	\$0
Contractual	\$14000
Construction	\$0
Other	\$39010
Indirect Charges	\$0
Non-Federal Resources	Amount
Applicant	\$0
State	\$0
Other	\$39010
Income	Amount
Program Income	\$0

How are you requesting to use this Program Income? [\$budget.programIncomeType]

Direct Charges Explanation: Please see the attached Budget Narrative.

Indirect Charges explanation: N/A

Forecasted Cash Needs (Optional)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Remarks: SF424 has a different amount than the application in ND grants because after the completion of the SF424 in grants.gov, we adjusted a few things regarding the personnel line item. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need/want more information.

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Form not applicable? false

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Project Title	Targeted Violence Prevention Program
Grant Number	
Grant Implementation Period	
	Project Goal Statement
community and law enfor	is to increase awareness and trust in Aurora Police Department's Targeted Violence Prevention program in both the cement through community outreach, engagement, training, and active partnerships, to provide education on targeted orts through leveraging stakeholder expertise, and to conduct psychosocial interventions to actively work toward the prevention of targeted violence.
	Target Population
anyone within the City of	me to 381,000 individuals and is home to three of the largest hospitals in Colorado. The TVP program aims to serve Aurora, especially those groups more vulnerable to becoming victims of targeted violence including but not limited to based organizations, cultural groups and LGBTQ+ individuals. TVP program does not discriminate on provision of services and is dedicated to serving the entirety of the Aurora community.

Goal 1: Increase awareness of targeted violence prevention efforts and available resources to community members and local law enforcement through the provision of at least 35 total trainings to community members and local law enforcement.

Objective 1.1: Host relevant and detailed trainings in the Denver Metro Area regarding mental health, radicalization, prevention efforts, and resources for community stakeholders to include schools, faith-based organizations, non-profits, citizens, and all other non-law enforcement entities with a goal of 200 total participants

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Goal 1 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Objectives	Activity	Inputs/Resources	Time Frame	Anticipated Outputs
Objective 1.1:	Activity 1.1.1 Engage prevention practitioners and prevention resources to build network of training speakers	Stakeholder meetings, list of stakeholder expertise, intended training calendar	Continuous- begin in Q1	Identified experts to provide trainings hosted by APD TVP to the community and local law enforcement Letters of Support provided 3 different partners included in application
	Activity 1.1.2 Meet with community groups to raise awareness and interest of trainings being provided by APD TVP	Stakeholder meetings, fliers, training materials, outward facing marketing	Continuous- begin Q1	Increased attendance rates to community facing trainings, thus promoting heightened awareness and education of targeted violence
	Activity 1.1.3 Host community facing trainings provided by APD TVP personnel, resource groups and other prevention practitioners	Room reservations, community facing marketing, APD communications unit, word of	Continuous- begin Q1	Increased relationships with community groups

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		mouth, stakeholder coordination		and non law enforcement groups
				Goal to provide at least 35 total trainings to both community and LEO
Objective 1.2:	Activity 1.2.1 Identify interest areas and gaps of knowledge in Law enforcement officials	Anonymous computer surveys, attend briefings regularly, meetings with command staff and chief's office	Q1-Q3	Increased interest in trainings held by APD TVP by catering to identified needs and wants of department
	Activity 1.2.2 Host law enforcement facing trainings provided by APD TVP personnel, resource groups, and other prevention practitioners	Internal facing marketing, room reservations, stakeholder coordination	Continuous- Begin Q1	Increased awareness amongst LEO on targeted violence prevention efforts and resources
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Goal 1 MEASUREMENT PLAN

Activity #	TEASUREMENT FLAN	
Activity #	Performance Measures & Targets	Data Collection Method and Timeframe
Activity 1.1.1.	[Measure]Number of Prevention practitioners engaged in APD TVP network and committed to training provision [Target]10 letters of support and commitment to providing	Meetings and coordination with prevention practitioners, identified and documented training topics/ areas of expertise, documented letters of commitment, signed contracts; Continuous but beginning in Q1-Q8 timeline
	trainings by prevention practitioners and resource groups. 3 letters of support included in application- 5 current identified trainings planned for future date	in Q1-Q0 timetime
Activity 1.1.2	[Measure] Number of meetings with community groups held and diversity amongst community groups	Initial engagement with community groups, meetings with organizations, documented dates of meetings and those in attendance, topics discussed, needs identified. Q1-Q8 timeline
	[Target]At least 5 meetings per quarter with different community groups (dispersed amongst faith based, non profit, social service orgs, resource provider, etc) to determine needs and areas for collaboration.	
Activity 1.1.3	[Measure]Number of community trainings provided [Target] At least 35 total trainings given to community members	Spreadsheet tracking training topic, date, # of attendees, venue, feedback surveys Q1-Q8 timeline
	and local law enforcement over a 2 year period. With a goal of 400 total participants trained	
Activity 1.2.1	[Measure] Number of identified gaps in knowledge or training interests received by internal members of APD through survey, briefings, or other communication methods	Online survey answers, documented topics of interest/ gaps in knowledge, number of respondents to surveys. Documentation of briefings attended (date/ time/ district) Q1-Q3 timeline
	[Target] At least 50 respondents to anonymous surveys inquiring about training topics of interest. 10 briefing attended by TVP personnel	
Activity 1.2.2	[Measure] Number of law enforcement facing trainings provided	Spreadsheet tracking training topic, date, # of attendees, venue, feedback surveys Q1-Q8 timeline
	[Target] 35 total trainings provided between community and law enforcement over a 2 year period, with a goal of 400 total participants trained	

Goal 2: To build trust in and awareness of the APD Targeted Violence Prevention program within the community and police department by strengthening community relationships through outreach efforts and media presence.

- Objective 2.1: Increase media presence to promote awareness of the APD TVP program within the community and in the police department
- Objective 2.2: Increase community trust for law enforcement and the APD TVP Program personnel
- Objective 2.3: Increase number of active community partners

Goal 2 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Objectives	Activity	Inputs/Resources	Time Frame	Anticipated Outputs
Objective 2.1:	Activity 2.1.1 Collaborate with City of Aurora communications department to schedule media opportunities/ social media posts	Meetings with comm dept., social media posts, media interviews, comm materials (brochures, fliers, updated webpage)	Q1-Q8	Increased community awareness of APD TVP program through media presence
	Activity 2.1.2 Regularly update comms dept and command staff of data tracking and success stories	Tracking spreadsheet, meetings with comms dept and command staff, monthly reports, attending briefings	Q1-Q8	Increased PD awareness of APD TVP program through internal briefings and collateral materials
Objective 2.2:	Activity 2.2.1 Identify community groups that need additional outreach and relationship building efforts	Researching local community groups, developing points of contact, emails and phone calls to group leaders	Q1-Q8	Increased relationships with groups that have previously been overlooked to develop a more robust community network
	Activity 2.2.2 Attend community events as representatives of the APD and the APD TVP program	Awareness of local community events, attending local events, fliers, brochures, and other collateral materials, engage with other attendees, presentations as needed	Q1-Q8	Increase community presence and develop relationship with community members in attendance to promote awareness of TVP resources
Objective 2.3:	Activity 2.3.1 Hold regular community stakeholder meetings	Room reservations, invite list, engagement with community groups	Q1-Q8	Increase community groups' participation in TVP matters, increase communication amongst stakeholder networks, decrease information silos, promote awareness of other community groups within the network

Goal 2 MEASUREMENT PLAN

Activity #		Data Collection Method and Timeframe
	Performance Measures & Targets	Data Collection Method and Timeframe
2.1.1	[MEASURE] number of media interviews, social media posts, and collateral materials produced	Tracking spreadsheet with date/ time/ source of interviews, date/time/attendees/outcome of planning meetings, date/time/source or social media posts, and date/ time completion of collateral material
	[TARGET] 1 positive news story/ informational news story in general media, 1 annual social media post, at least 3 collateral materials produced (brochure, community flier, APD facing flier)	productions. Q1-Q8 timeline
2.1.2	[MEASURE] Number of district briefings attended/ case briefings hosted by APD TVP personnel and number of success stories shared	Tracking spreadsheet with date/ time/district of briefing, date/time/attendees of success story case briefing. Collection of monthly reports. Q1-Q8 timeline
	[TARGET] At least one success story shared quarterly with case briefing to command staff, monthly reports of TVP efforts, at least 4 briefings attended per quarter	
2.2.1.	[MEASURE] Number of community groups visited for outreach efforts, number of designated points of contact	Tracking spreadsheet of community group, population/ resource served, and point of contact identified and listed with contact info. Q1-Q8 timeline
	[TARGET] At least 4 community groups identified and met with per quarter, with at least 50 points of contact for community groups solidified by end of Q8	
2.2.2.	[MEASURE] number of community events attended by APD TVP personnel	Tracking spreadsheet of community event/ date/ time with documented purpose of event and by who it was hosted. Q1-Q8 timeline
	[TARGET] at least 1 community event attended per quarter	
2.3.1	[MEASURE] Number of community stakeholder meetings and # of attendees	Tracking spreadsheet of date/ time/location of meeting, # of attendees, who in attendance, groups represented, and topics discussed . Q1-Q8 timeline
	[TARGET] 1 meeting per quarter with at least 10 attendees per meeting	

Goal 3: Provide Psychosocial intervention to individuals identified to be on the pathway to violence through the implementation of countermeasures, addition of social supports and collaboration amongst stakeholders

Objective 3.1: Engage in intervention efforts through remaining up to date on best practices in Threat assessment, conducting behavioral threat assessments appropriately after responding to calls for service and referrals

Objective 3.2: Engage in threat management efforts

Goal 3 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Objectives	Activity	Inputs/Resources	Time Frame	Anticipated Outputs
Objective 3.1:	Activity 3.1.1 Train staff on TRAP 18 and risk assessment tools	Software licenses, time for training, training personnel,	Q1-Q3	Increased knowledge on evidence based validated measures of threat and risk assessment to promote more accurate assessments
	Activity 3.1.2 Respond to referrals and active calls for service/conducting BTA	Personnel hours, documentation, data collection, collateral collection, criminal investigation, collaboration with involved parties	Q1-Q8	Prevention of/ reduced instances of targeted violence within the Aurora community through direct early intervention
Objective 3.2:	Activity 3.2.1 Identify appropriate and case specific resources, countermeasures and needs to mitigate risk of violence	Personnel hours, collaboration with stakeholders, interview with client, referrals to community groups	Q1-Q8	Mitigate grievances or individual's level of threat through connection to positive social supports and lowered instances of criminal charges.
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	Performance Measures & Targets	Data Concetion Method and Timeframe
3.1.1.	[MEASURE] Number of staff trained in validated measures, number of trainings held	Documentation of TRAP 18 certification by staff. Q1-Q8 timeline
	[TARGET] All TVP specified staff trained in TRAP-18	
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	[TARGET] At least 70 referrals received and 30 BTA conducted annually	
3.2.1.	[MEASURE] Number of appropriate resources identified, number of management plans created	Resource database identifying organization, population served and contact information. Documentation of threat management plans/ case load list. Q1-Q8 timeline
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3.2.2	[MEASURE] Number of check ins conducted per client,	Client tracking document that lists date/time/location of check in, content of check in, purpose of check in, and clients current
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APPENDIX A: RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The following risk assessment chart is designed to assist in the identification of potential occurrences that would impact achieving project objectives, primarily those originating externally and that are outside of the organization's control. Risks could include, but are not limited to:

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Risk Identified	Risk Analysis (brief assessment of the impact the identified risk could/would have on the project)	Risk Management Plan (plan to minimize the impact that the risk presents to the project and adjustments to be made if the risk transpires)
COVID-19 variants could cause in-person trainings to be unsafe and not possible (this is very relevant so it was kept from the example)	In-person training is the preferred modality as it is more engaging than virtual alternatives. A virtual training could result in decreased enthusiasm for registration and decreased engagement of attendees	Program will conduct trainings virtually if in- person trainings are not possible. Trainers will be trained on online engagement strategies in order to better keep audience engaged within online modality.
Current political climate, specifically in Aurora, CO lends to greater mistrust of law enforcement	Community groups- especially minority groups- may not feel comfortable or safe engaging with APD TVP personnel and may contribute to lack of reporting of suspicious or threatening behaviorpotentially leading to missed opportunities of intervention.	Program will prioritize community relationship building and program personnel will be well versed in cultural competency by attending regular trainings hosted by diverse community groups and DEI experts.
COVID-19 caused a number of valuable community resources to close permanently	With less available community resource organizations, wait lists at existing organizations may be longer and orgs may be at reduced capacity. This could significantly impact client success rate by not meeting identified needs appropriately	Program will engage community groups regularly to ensure awareness of a wide array of community resources and develop a referral source network,
APD CRT is attempting to receive ongoing city funding to expand the CRT program and allocate additional staff to the TVP Sub programthis relies on city council approval	Aurora city council is currently in favor of expanding the crisis response team and subsequently the TVP program. Without allocation of sustained city funding, CRT and TVP will have to undergo additional grant applications to fund CRT basic operations in addition to TVP operations. This would be difficult as it is now a large scale project that would require a significant amount of funds.	Program will continue providing updates to city council to increase awareness and success of program and will explore leveraging other community, local or federal funding sources to continue operations at current staffing base. TVP program would remain untouched and staffing levels would remain at current status (1 officer/1 clinician/1 case manager) versus expanded status (2 officers/2 clinicians/1 case manager)

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

Commissioned Police Officer with the City of Aurora working on the Crisis Response Team and Targeted Violence Prevention Program. Marine Corps Veteran with 4 years of proven experience. Dedicated and self-motivated professional who has several years of experience using effective communication, leadership, and time management skills in a variety of conditions. Capable of learning new skills quickly and working in a stressful environment.

- Leadership Experience
- Interpersonal Skills
- Threat Assessment/Management
- Training and Mentoring
- Communication
- De-escalation
- Adaptability
- Creative and Critical thinker
- Case Management

2019-Present

EXPERIENCE:

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol Officer

While working patrol I continually conducted needs and risk assessments. Responding to calls
with limited information, using record management systems and other resources to gain a clearer
picture of subjects and the situation. Using all available information and formulating my own and
my coworker's response to the individual/situation.

Crisis Response Team

 Since moving to the Crisis Response Team and subsequently the Targeted Violence Prevention Program (TVP) I am now the sole officer conducting behavioral threat assessment within the department. The program received seventy-four referrals in calendar year 2021. Since joining TVP I have completed three full behavioral threat assessments and consulted on seven others.

AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE

2017 - 2019

Emergency Medical Technician

- Provided basic life support and first aid to patients in various environments.
- Assessed each call situation to determine best course of action and appropriate protocol.
- Utilized medical equipment to assess patients and carry out basic life support functions.
- Developed and utilized triage skills to provide optimal efficiency during calls.
- Assisted paramedic or nurse with the preparation of advanced life support equipment.
- Provided patient care according to clinical protocols and safety requirements.
- Conducted violence risk assessments, behavioral assessments, and needs assessments in the field when working 911. Used information gained to provide better patient care.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

2013 - 2017

Fire Direction Chief (Manager)

- Trained, led, and ensured the safety of multiple employees in all facets of the job in order to
 effectively support other units.
- Utilized excellent communication skills and radio equipment to coordinate between 2 8 units to ensure accurate and timely support.
- Maintained accountability of \$1M of equipment with no losses and troubleshot and repaired
 equipment in a field environment to maintain reliable communications between partnering units.
- Cross trained people of multiple nationalities during bilateral training exercises with foreign militaries.
- Attended Company Level Intelligence Course, worked alongside the battalion intelligence unit conducting risk and threat assessments in/for our area of operations.

Helicopter Ropes Suspension Techniques Master

- Maintained life supporting, load bearing ropes and equipment valued at \$2000 leading to safe insertion of Marines into various environments including desert, jungle, ships, and urban settings.
- Trained 80 personnel on proper use and techniques, ensuring the safety of 200 employees.
- Organized and set up rappelling for training; organized use of landing zones, helicopters, and
 equipment ensuring all training was relevant, up to date, and in compliance with all Marine Corps
 regulations.

- DHS National Threat Evaluation and Reporting Course (2021)
- Crisis Intervention Teams Trained (2021)
- Crisis Negotiations Trained (2022)
 ATAP Member, attended Winter Conference and regional meetings, working towards CTM.
- USMC Company Level Intelligence Clerk (2015)

Rebecca Rickard, LCSW

Education/Licensure/Professional Memberships

University of Denver, Denver, CO Graduation date: June 6, 2008

Master's in Social Work

Mental Health/Substance Abuse in Adults Trauma Response and Recovery Certificate

Regis University, Denver, CO Graduation date: May 7, 2006

B.S. in Psychology

Minor: Music, concentration: Voice - Soprano

Colorado DORA Current through 8/31/2023

Licensed Clinical Social Worker CSW.09925386

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals Member since 2/2021

CIT International Member since 8/2021

Experience and Skills

July 2018 – present; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Aurora Mental Health Center/Aurora Police Department – Interim Crisis Response Team Program Manager/Crisis Clinician

1290 Chambers Rd, Aurora, CO 80011/13347 E Montview Blvd, Aurora, CO 80045

- Supervise clinical staff and internship performance within the CRT (i.e., adherence to protocols/procedures for both the center and department, adequate assessments/documentation of assessments)
- Conduct trainings for both clinical staff and officers related to various mental health conditions, HIPAA, crisis intervention strategies (i.e., safety planning, harm reduction, cognitive behavioral therapy elements related to crisis intervention), and thorough risk assessments to determine when a mental health hold is appropriate.
- Audit data collection by the CRT for grant reporting.
- Maintain security clearance given by the FBI.
- Participate in Colorado "Courage" meetings conducted by the Denver FBI regarding radicalization in Colorado and local jurisdictions.
- Assess clients for imminent risk related to elements of a mental health hold as permitted under the Colorado Revised Statutes 27-65 criteria (i.e., danger to self, danger to others, grave disability)
- Provide psychoeducation to clients, family members, and officers related to mental health diagnoses, elements of a mental health hold, and resources available.
- Maintain clients' charts related to contacts with the CRT.
- Consult with other mental health providers regarding client behaviors, including but not limited to escalating dangerousness, need for medication review, or need for a higher level of care.
- Facilitate connection of resources for clients.
- Maintain strong working relationships with providers both inside and outside the mental health center.
- Attend trainings regarding threat assessments conducted by the FBI, Dept of Homeland Security, and other professionals credentialed to perform such assessments.
- Identify, assess, and provide interventions related to those experiencing radical ideations and at risk for mass violence.

January 2016 – July 2018; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners - Training and Development Specialist, Lead Crisis Clinician PO Box 460695, Denver CO, 80246

- Conducted new hire training for triage specialists, peer specialists, and crisis clinicians consistent with company and accreditation policies.
- Participated in internal audits for quality assurance.
- Provided on-call support for staff outside of normal business hours.
- Coordinated trainings with outside agencies/experts for ongoing development of staff skills/knowledge.
- Performed risk assessments via telephone and text platform for clients who contacted the crisis/suicide prevention lines for the state of Colorado.
- Provided resources and treatment planning for immediate support based on clients' presenting issue.
- Educated clients regarding various mental health and substance use diagnoses.
- Maintained client charts via documentation of interactions with the crisis line.
- Assessed clients for appropriateness for referrals to the state walk-in centers, mobile crisis response, hospitals, and welfare checks via law enforcement.
- Performed follow ups per agency protocol.
- Consulted with outside agencies (law enforcement, community mental health centers, hospital staff, department of human services) regarding referrals for services.
- Attended ongoing trainings as required.
- Provided in-the-moment consultation to team members regarding both agency policy/procedures and regarding specific clients' presenting issues.

October 2014 – November 2015; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Aurora Mental Health Center/Colorado Crisis Services – Unlicensed Mental Health Crisis Clinician 11059 E. Bethany Dr, #200, Aurora, CO, 80014

- Performed risk and psychosocial assessments for clients who presented to the crisis walk-in clinic and clients who required intervention anywhere in the community.
- Guided clients in learning new coping skills to minimize presenting symptoms.
- Conducted diagnostic assessments on clients in the clinic to determine appropriate treatment steps.
- Assisted clients in finding resources for housing, mental health and substance abuse treatment, insurance, etc.
- Member of the building's safety committee to help assess and implement appropriate safety measures to ensure both staff and client safety.
- Communicated with multiple outside agencies (i.e., Aurora Police Dept, Emergency Depts, Medicaid entities, inpatient locations, sub-acute treatment locations, other mental health and crisis centers, Dept of Human Services) to facilitate transfer of services or for the purposes of mandated reporting.
- Engaged in discharge/disposition planning for clients in the clinic or emergency department in need of a higher level of care.
- Trained new case managers, licensed clinicians and unlicensed clinicians in program procedures and utilization of TIER (clinical documentation program)
- Provided crisis support for coworkers to help reduce secondary trauma.
- Represented the AuMHC walk-in clinic at the Douglas/Arapahoe Suicide Prevention Alliance meetings
- Completed clinical documentation in a timely manner in accordance with AuMHC's policies.
- Utilized multiple electronic devices to communicate/document contacts with clients (i.e., fax, phone system, both desktop and laptop computers to access outlook email, TIER, MindLinc, and the Colorado Medicaid Portal/HCPF)

April 2012 - October 2014; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Center of Excellence – Social Worker 1600 S Potomac St, Aurora, CO 80012

- Supervised BSW and MSW interns in the facility
- Developed behavior management programs for residents with potentially dangerous behaviors.
- Performed on-site assessments for residents in inpatient psychiatric facilities.
- Assessed residents' need for secured placement within Garden Terrace due to dangerous behaviors (e.g., elopement, verbal/physical aggression)

- Member of the response team in case of emergencies within the facility
- Monitored residents' behaviors/mood and efficacy of behavioral/medicinal interventions.
- Conducted mental health/substance abuse assessments to track current symptoms.
- Maintained resident records providing information on current focuses for treatment.
- Initiated referrals to appropriate outside services as needed for the resident's treatment goals (e.g., hospice, home health, companion care, community mental health centers, Adult Protective Services, Mental Health holds in emergency rooms around the Denver Metropolitan area)
- Assisted residents to locate appropriate housing upon discharge from the facility.
- Provided education to staff (e.g., nurses, CNAs, support staff) related to behavior/mood issues and means for intervention.
- Provided crisis intervention and assessments as needed per facility protocol.
- Presented information to the interdisciplinary team daily on residents' behaviors and other psychosocial needs.
- Organized monthly reports on the workings of the department for Performance Improvement meetings
- Provided summaries of residents' behaviors/symptoms for review with the Psychotropic Medication Committee
- Managed the Anti-Psychotic Elimination Program within the facility
- Conducted and assembled quarterly reports on each resident related to their mood, behavior, cognition, and need for psychosocial support.
- Interpreted psychological assessments (including, but not limited to PASRR and psychosocial) and monitored treatment recommendations.
- Mediated disputes between residents and/or their families and caregivers
- Responded to and resolved grievances proposed by residents or their families.
- Monitored the residents for signs/symptoms of any abuse or neglect to ensure each resident was treated with dignity and respect.
- Informed families about insurance coverage and how to apply for SSDI, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare, etc.

September 2011 – April 2012; Part-time, 8-12 hours per week

Gateway Battered Women Services – Volunteer Victim Advocate PO Box 914, Aurora, CO, 80040

- Assisted victims through the criminal justice process (e.g., arraignments, trials, sentencing hearings)
- Offered and provided emotional support during various stages of the aforementioned process.
- Assessed clients' risk for revictimization and how to help prevent these events from occurring.
- Provided information regarding protection orders and counseling/housing resources.
- Gathered and coordinated information from the police department and victim regarding the defendant and the case.

May 2010 – February 2011; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Sable Care and Rehabilitation Center, MSW/Social Services Director 656 Dillon Way, Aurora, CO 80011

- Supervised other social workers employed by the center.
- Monitored residents' behaviors/mood.
- Conducted mental health/substance abuse assessments to track current symptoms.
- Maintained resident records providing information on current focuses for treatment.
- Initiated referrals to appropriate outside services as needed for the resident's treatment goals (e.g., hospice, community mental health centers, Adult Protective Services, Mental Health holds in emergency rooms around the Denver Metropolitan area)
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- Monitored the residents for signs/symptoms of any abuse or neglect to ensure each resident was treated with dignity and respect.

June 2009 - May 2010; Full-time, 40 hours per week

Cambridge Care Center, MSW

1685 Eaton St., Lakewood, CO 80214, Pike's Peak (psychiatric) Unit

- Monitored behavioral issues demonstrated by the residents with severe and persistent mental illness (e.g., schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, personality disorders)
- Presented information to psychiatrists, nursing staff, and administration about issues with residents and how best to resolve these issues.
- Coordinated treatment approaches with outside therapists from the Jefferson Center for Mental Health
- Maintained resident charts providing updates on behaviors and treatments.
- Performed crisis intervention and assessments when residents were considered a potential risk to themselves or others.
- Arranged opportunities for the residents to go into the community to meet with family or do shopping with other facility staff.
- Reorganized the smoking program for residents.
- Interpreted PASRR reports and ensured the residents were receiving the appropriate treatment for their diagnosis and personal needs.
- Completed MDS assessments for residents assigned to caseload.
- Assembled quarterly reports on each resident in the unit.
- Trained nursing staff regarding approaches to managing residents' behaviors.
- Moderated meetings with family members and staff regarding residents' care
- Assisted the Director of Social Services for the facility with resolving other issues which were presented in meetings or by residents.



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Office of Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention
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Washington, DC 20528-0445

RE: Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program FY 2022 Competitive Grant Announcement DHS-22-TTP-132-00-01

To Whom It May Concern:

The National Policing Institute is pleased to submit this letter supporting the Aurora Police Department's application for the Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program. The Aurora Police Department's Crisis Response Team (APD CRT) intends to use the funding to host regular training to build community awareness on terrorism, targeted violence, violence risk assessment, threat assessment, threat management, and multidisciplinary collaboration. APD CRT also intends to use the funding to expand the capacity of the Targeted Violence Prevention program by employing and assigning a case manager to the Targeted Violence Prevention program. This position will receive training specific to threat management and will attempt to provide ongoing threat management services to not only the individuals at risk but to their families and communities.

The National Policing Institutes' mission is to advance policing through innovation and science. The NPI is the oldest non-profit, non-partisan, and non-membership-driven organization dedicated to improving America's most noble profession-policing. In 2018, the Foundation established the Center for Mass Violence Response Studies (CMVRS), now called the Center for Targeted Violence Prevention (CTVP), to bring public safety, government, school, and other leaders together to think critically about the challenges posed by mass causality events and to develop comprehensive policies and practices to prevent, respond to and recover from them. The CTVP is currently evaluating APD's CRT and TVP programs to help the agency provide the best possible service to its community to promote public safety. The program evaluation will assist APD in effectively deploying its grant-funded staffing.

Additionally, the CTVP maintains relationships and partnerships with a network of national and international subject matter experts who can support APD proposed initiatives. Lastly, CTVP has developed innovative training that can support APD CRT's community of prevention practitioners. If this proposal is funded, Dr. Frank Straub, the Center for Targeted Violence Prevention Director, and Sammie Wicks, the Center's Senior Program Manager, will collaborate with APD to support this project.

Sincerely,		
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James Burch, President